completed by the Company.

**Utilisation of gas found in the wells of Tripura**

2094. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC has found gas in various wells of Tripura;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said gas is being flared out even though it was discovered long ago; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to utilise this gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. ONGC have discovered natural gas reserves in Baramura, Gojalia, Rokhia and Agartala Dome structures in Tripura. Presence of gas has also been indicated in the wells drilled on Tichna structure.

(b) No gas in commercial quantities is being flared in Tripura.

(c) Natural gas is being supplied to the following gas based power projects in the State:—

(i) Baramura Power Plant-0.13MMCMD

(ii) Rokhia Power Plant-0.05MMCMD

In addition about 0.015 MMCMD of gas is also being supplied to Brick Kilns and other small consumers.

Availability of gas has also been indicated for the following projects:

(i) 500 MW NTPC Power Plant

(ii) 75 MW Power Plant at Rokhia

(iii) Agartala city distribution system

**New Industries for the backward and the 'No Industry' Districts in Himachal Pradesh**

2095. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the backward and 'No Industry' Districts in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have any plan to set up new industries in those districts; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The districts of Chamba, Kangra, Kulu, Kinaur and Lahaul & Spiti have been categorised as No-Industry Districts in Himachal Pradesh and the districts of Solan, Sirmur, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Mandi, Simla and Una have been categorised as Special Region Districts in the State.

(b) and (c) The industrialisation of a State is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, in order to promote industrialisation and reduce regional imbalances, the Central Government offers a number of incentives such as priority in the grant of industrial licences, concessional finance etc., to entrepreneurs setting up industries in centrally declared backward areas. During the last three years, the following Letters of Intent (LOI) and Industrial Licences (ILS) have been issued to backward areas of Himachal Pradesh:—

| Year | LOI | ILS |
|---|---|---|
| 1987 | 22 | 3 |
| 1988 | 25 | 2 |
| 1989 | 17 | 4 |

**Setting up of new cement plants in the country**

2096. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 695 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th May, 1990 and state:

(a) how many new cement plants have been set up in the country during the last ten years, with the names of places where these plants have been set up;